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In re Application of:

Milan Mrksich et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2004 ("Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below. Applicants believe this response to be timely filed with the accompanying Petition for a THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME. Applicants authorize any additional fees required for filing of this AMENDMENT to deposit account number 23-1925.